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FR 2752559 A and DE 86 12 967 U1 were cited in the International Search Report in PCT Application No. US2005/012205, filed April 8, 2005, which corresponds to the present application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached. The search report indicates that FR '559 was thought to be relevant under category "A" to claims 1, 7, 12, and 13 that were submitted originally in the PCT application. The search report also indicates that DE '967 was also thought to be relevant under category "A" to claims 1, 7, 12, and 13 that were submitted originally in the GB application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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